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ADDRESS REPLY TO
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REGIONAL FORESTER
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AND REFER TO

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Special
St. Maries Burial Plot

Forest Officers:

Finally, there has been acquired a central burial ground for forest workers killed in line of duty. The new plot of ground is at St. Maries, Idaho, and lies contiguous to the large plot of graves of firefighters killed in the 1910 fire.

In the future it is planned to make interment in this cemetery of the remains of any Forest Service worker in the Region, not claimed by relatives, and Forest Service officers are requested to bear this in mind if it falls to their lot to arrange for burial of any victims falling in this classification. The approval of the Compensation Commission must be secured for transportation of bodies from other points to St. Maries. After such approval communication should be immediately established with the Forest Supervisor at St. Maries, Idaho, who will make final arrangements for these burials.

This spring, the remains of firefighters already buried in potters' fields or in isolated and uncared-for graves are to be transferred to the new cemetery. There are definite records of such graves at Newport, Washington, Priest River, Idaho, and Noxon, Montana. While this letter is primarily informative, it will be appreciated if any Forest officer having knowledge of similar graves elsewhere, notify this office before the first of April.

Very truly yours,
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